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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI NK  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GAMASY VISIT TO NORTH KOREA

1. SOUTH KOREAN CHANG TELLS US HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY AN EGYPTIAN SOURCE THAT DEPPRIMIN/MIN WAR, GENERAL GAMASY, WILL "SHORTLY" MAKE A VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. HE WILL REPORTEDLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY MINWAR PRODUCTION GENERAL BADRY. PURPOSE, ACCORDING TO CHANG, IS TO TRY TO OBTAIN SPARE PARTS FOR SOVIET PROVIDED EQUIPMENT ON EGYPTIAN MILITARY INVENTORY. CHANG CLAIMS NORTH KOREA IS MANUFACTURING SOVIET-DESIGNED ARTILLERY UP TO 120 MM HOWITZERS AND ALSO SOME TANK SPARE PARTS. SOURCE OF CHANG'S INFO IS SENIOR UNDER SECRETARY OF EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE, WHO ALLEGEDLY IS CONTRITE ABOUT A PLANNED VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA OF DR. ABD AL-QADIR HATIM WHICH ABORTED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND HAS EVER SINCE BEEN GIVING INFORMATION TO THE SOUTH KOREANS. SEEMS TO US HE WOULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO BE PRIVY TO MILITARY PLANNING, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS REPORT HAS SOME SUBSTANCE.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO OTHER INDICATION THUS FAR THAT GAMASY AND/OR BADRY PLANS A TRIP TO NORTH KOREA, AND WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GAMASY WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN EGYPT FOR THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. SAME TIME EGYPT'S MILITARY NEED FOR SPARE PARTS IS SUCH THAT IT IS

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DOUBTLESS LOOKING WHEREVER POSSIBLE FOR SOURCES OF

SUPPLY. IF GAMASY WERE TO GO, WE SUSPECT TIMING OF SUCH TRIP WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR MID-OCTOBER.

3. DOUBT EGYPTIANS WILL VOLUNTEER INFO ABOUT ANY SUCH GAMASY TRIP, BUT WE WILL TRY TO MONITOR ABOVE AS FEASIBLE.  
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